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In re Application of )

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For: "METHOD FOR REDUCING ARTIFACTS)  
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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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April 29, 2002

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that an extension of time for the period indicated below be granted in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. Section 1.136 to take action required in the application identified in the caption, as reflected by the papers submitted herewith:

_____	One Month	\$110.00	(\$ 55.00)*
<u>  X  </u>	Two Months	\$400.00	(\$200.00)*
_____	Three Months	\$920.00	(\$460.00)*
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_____	Five Months	\$1,960.00	(\$980.00)*

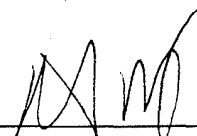
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Respectfully submitted,

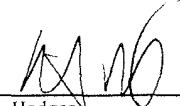
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